

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 7, 2021. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Elected Officials Present:

Mayor

Jerry D Wallis

Council Members Present

William C. Bigelow
Kenneth D. Kale
Corliss E. Lynes
James A. Mueller
Kris R. Smith

Council Members Absent

City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Michael Stodgell, City Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk.

Visitors Present: Larry Ross, Lee Roberts, Jonathon Goering and Becky Voorhies were present representing Allen County Thrive.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Lynes moved to approve the June 2021 consent agenda as follows:

- May 2021 Minutes
- May 2021 Petty Cash Report
- June Pay Ordinance totaling \$53,402.65
- May 2021 Utility Audit Report

Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Larry Ross reported 3 library board members have recently resigned leaving only himself and Deb Weast serving on the board. Mayor Wallis said he would attend the next Library board meeting to allow the board to meet and pay bills. Discussion followed with Mayor Wallis appointing Lee Roberts to the library board. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the appointment. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Project Update – Becky Voorhies spoke with the Council and advised the City only needed 50 surveys that meet the Low to Moderate Income specifications to meet the requirements to apply for a Community Development Block Grant. Ms. Voorhies noted a City representative and the project engineer would need to attend a Kansas Interagency Advisory Committee (KIAC) meeting in July or August to move forward with applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Council discussed the KIAC meeting requirements and funding opportunities.

Clerk Evans asked the Council if the City would like to move forward with applying for American Rescue Plan Act Funds with the intent to use the funds for the water project. The Council agreed to apply for the funds for the project.

Moran Museum – Clerk Evans reported Emprise Bank would like to donate summer ball trophies to the Moran Museum. A representative from Emprise said the trophies were won by teams sponsored by the bank. The Council agreed to place the trophies in the Moran Museum.

2021 Budget Preparation – The Council reviewed a request that the City purchase new bleachers for the ball field. The Council discussed the request and decided the City should look at replacing boards on the wooden bleachers rather than purchasing new bleachers. The Council did agree the foul ball net needed replaced at the east ball field. A suggestion was made to ask area volunteer groups to paint the bleachers once the wood seats were replaced or repaired. The Council also discussed purchasing clay for the ball fields and the ball association's plans to build a sidewalk around the east ball field.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Chief – Council member Mueller moved the Council meet in executive session for 15 minutes at 7:35 PM to discuss Chief Miller's resignation from the Moran Fire Department pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception as allowed KSA 75-4319 (b)(1). Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. The Council returned to open meeting at 7:50 PM. Attorney Heim noted Chief Miller has not submitted a written resignation and that he needed to do so to validate his resignation. Mayor Wallis moved to appoint Lee Roberts as interim chief contingent upon receiving Chief Miller's resignation. Council member Mueller moved to approve Mayor Wallis's appointment. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Resolution 2021-04 Waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles – Council member Mueller moved to adopt Resolution 2021-04 as presented. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Banking Services – Clerk Evans reported she has not been able to meet with local banking facilities due to a loss in the family. Evans did note that Loren Korte has been speaking with Landmark Bank to see if they would be willing to install an ATM/Deposit box in Moran. Evans noted she would follow up with local banks in June.

1966 Fire Truck Bids – The Council agreed to move forward with advertising the truck for sale by bid with bids to be opened at the July meeting.

Doctors Office Parking – Superintendent Stodgell spoke with the Council about a request he received from St Luke's Hospital asking for approval to cut the curb on the south side of the office building to build a parking lot. Discussion followed with Council member Bigelow moving to approve the request to cut the curb. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed with Bigelow, Smith, Lynes, and Kale approving and Mueller abstaining from the vote.

Material Needs – Superintendent Stodgell requested approval to purchase cold patch for street sealing which will cost \$1200.00 and 12 cement blocks to build a materials bin next to the old water plant on N Chestnut St. The blocks would run \$660.00. Council member Bigelow moved to approve these requests. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Stodgell also presented a bid of \$2,864.97 from _____ to build and install a new 3’ sidewalk around the Library. Mayor Wallis asked the Council to waive water costs for Chris King as he is using water from his building north of the Library to landscape the new grass on the north side of the Library. Council member Mueller moved to waive the water cost until the grass is established. Kale seconded the motion. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the bid to build and install the sidewalk at the Library. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Moran Days Pony Pull – Council member Bigelow moved to approve having the Pony pull at the park. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Clerk Evans relayed a request for the City to purchase an additional weight bench, fans, yoga balls, and additional mats for the Fitness Center. Discussion followed with Council member Bigelow moving to purchase two new fans for the fitness center. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith reported all is good with his department.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell presented the following report for the month of May 2021:

- Took down electric service for V. Tucker on new property
- Cut limbs off tree at V. Tuckers so it wouldn't hit electric lines
- Meter pole was backed into at J.Adams – replaced pole, conduit on meter can
- Worked on water pump on street sweeper and lights
- Cleaned out 1966 Fire Truck, KHP inspected truck
- Fueled 3330 J. Deere, sharpen blades, mowed old water plant and Troxel Park
- Worked on street sweeper- replaced hydraulic hose on leaf guard, pressure gage and fuel filter
- Worked on street sweeper, removed water pumps and installed new back up alarms
- Picked up bricks at Library
- Mowed Ball Parks, Troxel Park, City Hall, Museum, City Park, Water Tower, Burn Pile
- Met will Ball Association Reps for placement of the new Ball Storage Building 8’x40’
- Fixed swing, picked up limbs at the City Park
- Took score board cover off #1 Field
- Trimmed at the City Park
- Hauled tree limbs to burn pile
- Mowed and picked up, Moore Property, 203 E Elm
- Mowed 54 Fitness
- Hauled a load of concrete, bricks, boards to landfill
- Sprayed weeds around City Shop and City Hall
- Went to Chanute to look at street sweeper
- Loaded County trucks with spoil dirt, cleared curb by Troxel Park
- Cold Patched Randolph
- Cleared Birch St and West First St
- Cleared leaves out of culverts
- Picked up trash around town
- Locates
- Mowed Lagoons
- Locates
- Mowed & trimmed Water Tower
- Replaced shut off valve on meter setter

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of May 2021 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	3.00	Sales To Customers	12,553.95
Refuse	1,688.00	Water Protection Fee	28.07
Court Fines	1,278.00	Penalties	322.06
ATV Permit	30.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
KS Sales Tax	5,197.97	PSI Dividend	521.83
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	48.20	Debt Collection Fee	18.73
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	930.00	Sewer Fund	
Reimbursed Expense	490.48	Sales To Customers	6,922.75
PSI Dividend	2,457.16	PSI Dividend	328.59
Dog Tags	62.00	Debt Collection Fee	20.32
Electric Fund		Sales Tax	
Sales To Customers	38,924.20	Sales Tax Receipts	1,314.45
Debt Collection Fee	79.63	Gross Sales	87,287.95
Overpaid	812.45	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	10.67
Fuel Adjustment	8,726.13	Gross Receipts	87,298.62
Light Rent	157.50	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	179.77
Lieap Benefit	3,700.82	<i>Utility Credits</i>	604.50
PSI Dividend	572.52	<i>54 FC Credit</i>	140.00
Connect Fee	49.14	<i>Setoff Fees</i>	112.74
		Net Receipts	86,261.61

Clerk Evans replayed a request from the residents at 110 S Cottonwood asking to return to a normal payment schedule as they have caught up with the monthly bills. The Council agreed to this request.

Clerk Evans reported Veronica Worthington is planning to purchase property at 522 N Locust and would like to place a travel trailer on the property. The Council advised the request would need to meet Code requirements for review at the July meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.